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# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning **Draft Minutes** March 6, 2009

**Cook County Conference Room** 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Chair - Luann Hamilton - CDOT, Chuck Abraham - IDOT- DPIT, Bill Brown - NIRPC, Maria Choca-Urban - CNT, Rocky Donahue -Pace, John Donovan – FHWA, John Fortmann - IDOT District One, Ted Georgas – Cook County, Jack Groner- Metra, Henry Guerriero– Illinois Tollway, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Don Kopec -CMAP, Christina Kupkowski - Will County, John Loper – DuPage County, Randy Neufeld - Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Les Nunes – IDOT OPP, Jason Osborn - McHenry County, Thomas Rickert - Kane/Kendall County, David Simmons - CTA, Peter Skosey – Metropolitan Planning Council, Steve Strains – NIPRC, Vonu Thakuriah - UIC-UTC, Paula Trigg – Lake, David Werner – FTA - USDOT Chicago Metro Office, Sidney Weseman - RTA, Tom Zapler - Class 1 Railroad Companies,

**Members Absent:** Arlene J. Mulder – Council of Mayors, Mike Rogers - IEPA, Joe Schofer - Northwestern University Ken Yunker - SEWRPC

**Others Present:** 

Susie An, Ed Barsotti, John Beissel, Kristen Bennett, Len Cannata, Bruce Christensen, Michael Connelly, Caitlyn Costello, Chalen Daigle, Kama Dobbs, Bud Fleming, Colleen Gannon, Pete Godowski, Chad Hammerl, Brian Imus, Emily Karry, Mike Klemens, Tom Lizzo, Jamy Lyne, Peter Matoszak, Beth McCluskey, Hugh O'Hara, Laura Pema, B. Plum, Leann Redden, Chad Riddle, David Seglin, Keith Sherman, Chris Synder, Holly Smith, Vicky Smith, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, Emily Tapia-Lopez, Dan Thomas, Mike Walczak, Jan Ward, Tammy Wierciak, Allison

Youngblood

**Staff Present:** Patricia Berry, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Jacob

Hannan, Tom Murtha, Roseann O'Laughlin, John O'Neal, Holly

Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Russell Pietrowiak, Joy Schaad

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Luann Hamilton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:39a.m.

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

The Red Cross presentation moved up on the agenda after the RTA Update.

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Trigg, seconded by Mr. Groner, the January 16, 2009 minutes were approved. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### 4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Ms. Hamilton reported that the Programming Coordinating Committee met on February 11 to discuss the Developments of Regional Importance draft, RTP and TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment, as well as revised CMAQ Programming Procedure. The Programming Coordinating Committee received a revised DRI process that includes the use of thresholds to determine whether a project is considered a DRI. The committee released the draft process for public comment, which it is currently underway. The public comment ends April 6, 2009.

## 5.0 RTA Update

Mr. Weseman informed the committee that the RTA Board adopted revised Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives. The overall Vision and high-level Goals remain the same. Revisions were made for a number of reasons. The objectives were rephrased to support the development of performance measures, better organize objectives under goals, and to bring the Strategic Plan goals into compliance with the January 2008 amendments to the RTA Act. A copy of the new goals and objectives along with a background Memo was distributed to the committee

#### 9.1 Red Cross- Emergency Preparedness

Ms. Youngblood on site and Mr. Davis via phone presented for the Red Cross a presentation on Emergency Preparedness which is available at <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/transportation/minutes.aspx">http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/transportation/minutes.aspx</a>. The committee did stress that there was security implication and that there is information that is not share with the public due to these security measure. Mr. Davis said the Red

Cross is aware of this. Ms. Choca-Urban stated that CNT has completed interviews on evacuation and that this information was available to the Red Cross. Ms. Youngblood stated that the Red Cross was interested in partnering with and having discussion with all groups that had information to share and that in conjunction with CMAP staff the Red Cross would be reaching out to various organizations.

## 6.0 Economic Recovery Package

Mr. Kopec said that the State of Illinois has put forth its proposed projects for stimulus dollars. The State has sub-allocated a percentage of the funds to local governments, which the Executive Committee of the Council of Mayors has endorsed and the Policy Committee has approved. CTA, Metra, Pace and IDOT have programmed the vast majority of their share of the ARRA funds. It was noted that the transit projects included in the TIP were included in the RTA Board's agenda and that everyone is worked aggressively to move forward and meet the 180 day clock. Mr. Groner reminded everyone that these projects have been seen by the public and are not new projects. Mr. Donahue stated that there is a lot of catch up and that \$1 billion is still needed for capital, which means a capital bill, is still needed. Ms. Hamilton reminded the committee that local governments have a one year clock and that Chicago is planning to include its projects in the TIP in April for their share of the funds. All the transit representatives on the committee stated that they are ready with their projects.

There was discussion by the committee about the broad spectrum of TIP items and that the TIP projects must meet federal requirements.

Mr. Blankenhorn discussed the role of the TC in this process and moving projects along. He also spoke of tracking the projects and that the region had to be accountable for the infusion of funding. Cook County noted that many counties did not receive any direct funding. Cook County is working with municipalities to move county projects forward. Mr. Georgas added that the County does not typically federalize projects, but is able to in order to receive ARRA funding. Mr. Skosey asked if Cook County was being treated differently. The answer was no, normally when applying for STP Cook County needs a municipal sponsor. Mr. Kopec said that the T& I committee is asking for reporting that goes beyond the requirements, although the requirements for any reporting have not been defined.

# 7.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

## 7.1 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Ostdick requested committee approval of amendments to not exempt and exempt TIP projects that exceed amendment thresholds. The four reports with amendments and revisions were posted on the web site for seven day public comment period and no comments were received.

On a motion by Mr. Wesemen seconded by Mr. Rickert, the not exempt and exempt project amendments were amended into the TIP. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### 7.2 State/Regional Resources Table

Ms. Ostdick requested that the committee accept the updated table which includes the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding.

On a motion by Mr. Weseman, seconded by Mr. Kopec the State/Regional Resource Table was accepted. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### 7.3 Semi-annual TIP/RTP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment

The public comment period for the conformity analysis of the TIP and TIP amendment has closed. No comments were received; Ms. Ostdick requested that the committee recommend MPO Policy Committee approval and CMAP Board approval of the RTP/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP amendments.

On a motion by Ms. Trigg, seconded by Mr. Donahue, the Semi-annual TIP/RTP Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment was recommended to MPO Policy and CMAP Board for approval. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### 7.4 Designated Recipient

The MPO endorses the allocation of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning funds between Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin and designates recipients on an annual basis. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds are also being split with Indiana and Wisconsin. The splits of all funding with Indiana and Wisconsin and the FY09 allocations to the service boards are negotiated and in place. The sub-allocation between IL/IN is 95.613016% for IL and 4.3686984% for Indiana. The sub-allocation between IL/WI is 97.797585% for Illinois and 2.202415% for Wisconsin. The 5307/5340 totals \$244,600,000 for northeastern Illinois. The funds have been distributed as follows: \$141,800,000 to CTA; \$69,900,000 to Metra; and \$32,900,000 to Pace. The ARRA funds are \$414,192,957. The funds are distributed as follows: \$240,231,915 to CTA, \$140,825,605 to Metra; and \$33,135,437 to Pace. Ms. Ostdick requests that the Transportation Committee recommend that MPO Policy

approval of the four resolutions regarding funding splits with Indiana and Wisconsin, regarding 5307/5340 and ARRA funding and the six resolutions regarding the designated recipients of the 5307/5340 and the ARRA funding.

On a motion by Mr. Groner, seconded by Mr. Donahue the resolutions were recommended to the MPO Policy Committee for approval. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## 8.0 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Mr. Sherman stated that the last solicitation of enhancement project was May 2008. 322 projects submitted for \$400 million with only \$25 million available for funding. ITEP has received an infusion of \$28 million in ARRA funds. Instead of only allowing existing projects to be chosen, IDOT is considering allowing new projects to be considered for this money. Currently, the unobligated balance of projects is being examined and IDOT has included a sunset clause in these projects. The local share of the projects for ITEP including ARRA funding remains 20% at this time. Mr. Sherman also said that project readiness is going to be looked at closely, since there is a one year deadline to obligate ARRA, the same timeline as local ARRA dollars.

Mr. Neufeld and Mr. Snyder asked that the department's policy about project selection and criteria be formalized for ARRA dollars through a memo. Mr. Sherman said he would definitely share that comment with other IDOT staff. Mr. Neufeld also stated that 100% funding with no match for projects would be a viable method of helping low income area that could not come up with match money. Mr. Sherman also stated that he thought that the regular enhancement program and the stimulus enhancement program would be announced at the same time.

#### 9.0 GO TO 2040

#### 9.1 Major Capital Projects

Mr. Patronsky briefly discussed construction and measurement of alternative scenarios. Draft evaluation measures for the selection of major capital projects were presented and will be explored in more depth at the next Transportation Committee meeting and finalized in June.

#### 9.2 Scenario Process Update

Mr. Dean briefly updated the committee on the scenario process. The process will be before the committee again for further comment and endorsement in May.

# 10.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

#### 10.1 Revised CMAQ Procedures

Mr. Ferguson presented the revised procedures for active program management of the CMAQ program. These procedures were recommended by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee for approval to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board.

On a motion by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Ms. Trigg, CMAQ programming revisions were recommended to the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board for approval. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried

#### 10.2 Bicycle and Pedestrian Methodologies

Mr. Ferguson presented changes to the programming policies and project ranking methods for bicycle and pedestrian facility applications. These changes were recommended by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee for approval to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board.

On a motion by Mr. Neufeld, seconded by Mr. Nunes, changes to programming policies and project methods for bicycle and pedestrian facility revisions were recommended to the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board for approval. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried

#### 11.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 12.0 Other Business

There was no other business

#### 13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cook County Room.

#### 14.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment.

# Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Dixon Senior Planner

**Staff Liaison** 

# **Transportation Committee Members:**

Charles Abraham	Don Kopec	Peter Skosey
Thomas Cuculich**	Paul Losos	Dick Smith
Rocky Donahue	Jan Metzger	David Simmons
John Donovan***	Arlene Mulder	Steve Strains
John Fortmann	Randy Neufeld	Vonu Thakuriah
Bruce Gould	Jason Osborn	Paula Trigg
Rupert Graham, Jr	Leanne Redden	David Werner**
Jack Groner	Thomas Rickert	Ken Yunker
Luann Hamilton*	Mike Rogers	Tom Zapler
Fran Klaas	Joe Schofer	Rocco Zucchero
*Chair	**Vice-Chair	***Non-voting